

**Family Home Child Care Rules – WAC 170-296
(Negotiated Rule Making)
Estimated Rule Development Schedule**

Task	Estimated Completion*	Notes or RCW reference
Negotiated Rule Making Team reviews current rules, child care research, and national standards; Recommends comprehensive revisions to WAC 170-296	Jan. 2007 Through Dec. 2009	RCW 43.215.350, 34.05.310. DEL is required to use NRM for family home child care rule revisions.
Gather input on NRMT recommended draft rules	May 2009 Through March 2010	
DEL considers NRMT research and recommendations	Through March 2010	
DEL develops 2nd draft rules and considers cost impacts to child care providers	April – June 2010	RCW 19.85, 34.05.320
DEL gathers public input on 2nd draft rules and cost impacts, time permitting	July 2010	
DEL files formal rule proposal	August 2010	RCW 34.05.320
Public hearings, comment period on proposed rules	August - October 2010	RCW 34.05.320, 34.05.325
DEL writes formal response to public comments, revises proposed rules if needed	November 2010	RCW 34.05.325, 34.05.340
DEL adopts and files final rules	December 2010	RCW 34.05.360
Final Rules Effective	To be determined	RCW 34.05.380

* Future time periods noted are estimates that are subject to change.